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**RE: Human Research Subject Protections Under Multiple Project Assurance  
(MPA) M-1297**

**Research Project: AIDS Vaccine Trial to be Conducted in Rural China  
Principal Investigator: David Ho, M.D.**

Dear Ms. Hart and Dr. Ho:

The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) has reviewed your report dated September 10, 2001 regarding the above referenced allegations. OHRP acknowledges that AIDS vaccine trials in China are in the early planning phases, that a protocol does not yet exist for such studies, and that the Principal Investigator has no research activities ongoing in China at this time.

As a result, there should be no need for further involvement of OHRP in this matter. Of course, OHRP must be notified should new information be identified which might alter this determination.

OHRP appreciates the continued commitment of your institution to the protection of human research subjects. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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